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NOTE FOR: The Director

I know that you sometimes feel we lack objectivity in putting our positions forward on matters of this nature. In this case, you need to be aware that there are very strong feelings in the DDI, and I think you would find very little, if any, divergence from the point of view expressed herein. Adams' complaints were investigated (not only within CIA but by the House and Senate [Pike and Church] Committees as well) in great detail and - in a nutshell - we have here an analyst with some unusually fine qualifications but one who, when he reached a conclusion, became a passionate advocate of the total righteousness of his own views. The pursuit of these views against all other possible evidence and interpretations then became for him a cause to which he dedicated himself ardently. While none of us achieve total objectivity, the Adams personality is simply incompatible with our goal of performing dispassionate analysis and interpretation. It would be a mistake to consider him for reemployment.

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I'm sure [] is unaware of the background. His suggestion is gratuitous. I suggest the response be low-key and oral. We can handle it if you prefer not to.

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